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STUDY OF EARTHQUAKES
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated a policy for setting-up of a laboratory in Maharashtra for studying earthquakes; and

(b) if so, the time by which the laboratory is expected to become operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) Efforts are underway to build a new scientific initiative especially to understand the seismic activity of Koyna region of Maharashtra in more detail by drilling deep-bore holes below the ground to place a network of seismic sensors. For this purpose, MoU has been signed on 7th January, 2011 with German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ) on behalf of the International Continental Scientific Drilling Programme (ICDP) for an initial period of 5 years. An international workshop was held at Hyderabad and Koyna during 21−25 March, 2011 to develop a science plan to take up studies related to seismicity of the Koyna region.